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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRADE IN MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS (C-ER-6-59780)

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1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE RURAL SOCIETY UPON RETURNING FROM A TRIP TO EUROPE COMMENTED PUBLICLY THAT THERE WERE GOOD POSSIBILITIES FOR ARGENTINA SELLING UP TO 300,000 TONS OF BEEF TO THE USSR THIS YEAR. PRESS COMMENTS WERE THAT OBVIOUSLY THIS OFFICIAL WAS MAKING HIS COMMENTS IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE COST OF HIS TRIP AND THAT THEY WERE NOT BASED ON ANY SOLID INFORMATION. TRADE SOURCES ALSO COMPLETELY DISCOUNT THIS REPORT.

2. THE TRADE HERE SEES THE WORLD MEAT MARKET IN A STAND-OFF SITUATION WITH PRICES TENDING TO WEAKEN. THE MARKET APPARENTLY RECOGNIZES THAT THE USSR NEEDS TO PURCHASE BEEF AND THAT AUSTRALIA, IN PARTICULAR, DESIRES TO SELL LARGE QUANTITIES OF BEEF. APPARENTLY, NEITHER THE USSR NOR AUSTRALIA ARE YET READY TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

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